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REMARKS

The Office examined claims 1-10 (all of the claims as filed) and rejected claims 1-10. With this supplemental response to the Office action, the changes to the claims made in the previous response are provided again, but with claims 1 and 2 indicated as "currently amended," and further changes are made to claims 1 and 10. Because ten new dependent claims are added to the application by the previous response (and those new claims are provided again here), the application now includes claims 1-20.

Claims 1 and 10 are further changed by this supplemental response to more clearly distinguish over TSUKAMOTO (US 2001/0044328). In place of reciting that the tactile sensation is expressive of information intended to be communicated to a user, the claims now recite that the tactile sensation "suggests associations or meanings" and so conveys information to directly to a user, i.e. does so directly as opposed to providing coded information as in TSUKAMOTO. Support for the changes is in the specification at page 6, line 1, and also

It is believed that the claims as changed here also further distinguish the invention as claimed from the teachings and suggestions of the other applied reference, i.e. HIRAI et al. (GB 2,333,209).

In view of the further changes to the claims, applicant respectfully requests that all the rejections of the Office action (i.e. under both 35 USC 102 and 25 USC 103) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

For all the foregoing reasons it is believed that all of the claims of the application are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited. Applicant's attorney

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urges the Examiner to call to discuss the present response if
anything in the present response is unclear or unpersuasive.

Respectfully submitted,

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